WITCHLIKE Actions Would Have Meant Sure Death in the Old Days —Witches Have Now Ceased to Possess Actual Personal. Witches Have Now Ceased to Possess Actual Personal.

to Possess Actual Personalities - Hallucinations That Certain Persons Were Endowed With the Power of Conversing With Evil Spirits -In the Little Colony of Salem-Tottering Old Men and Women Were Executed -"Bad Luck" in Killing Certain Animals-The Witches of Various Sections of Europe -Cats Are Always Connected With Halloween Celebrations.

who are respectfully

with their mystic prophecies. might have been carrying out pretenses witches' hammer, produced by Sprengel of sorcery, or the accomplishment of cer- and his fanatical associates. tain ends by mock magic, but in that age imagination and superstition changed such delusions into real acts and their various persecutions. One European of-

personality in the everyday, life of the the forced confessions of deeds they were poverty or helplessness, changed a kindly disposed, harmless old woman into a witch in the eyes of her neighbors.

of evil against those about her. When less than a hundred years ago. frequently made more helpless because

ing witches, but for asserting their un-belief in witchcraft. Today the people of the little Massachusetts town still point out Witches hill, where several innocent women were executed The madness of the colony spared neither the weakminded Indian maiden Tituba, who was seen practicing the ceremonials of her own heathen religion, nor such exemplary women as Sarah Cloyce and Rebecca Nurse of their own number.

Even tottering old men were convicted for denying that there was any such thing as witchcraft, until at one time a hundred and fifty persons were cast into prison to wait their fate. Many others were tortured into confessing themselves guilty of false accusations, while several hundred other colonists were suspected of being a part of witcheraft and of exerting their efforts to protect it. Finally, when this fanaticism had spent itgreat injustice they had oween the scrawny, done their neighbors, but this was not haglike witch is true of Cotton Mather, who was dissatisfled that witch courts had been a ol shed. He attempted to justify his actions of cruelty before the world by issuing a volpurpose of giving ume of thanks for the benefits he had bestowed upon his people for having sent so many witches to their doom. As this evening's fun. At time by the president of Harvard Colfrolics on that lege, the horrible delusion of witchcraft must have obsessed even those who should have been most enlightened. age is paid to these As ridiculous as these persecutions were,

k-r o b e d. they sank into insignificance when compared with the witch executions of Great of love and marriage. But when the fun of persons who were killed for having is over, the ugly creatures of fantasy knowledge of the black art. vanish for another year, to be forgotten between 1450 and 1670 were the tortures of innocent persons most numerous, for thousands were then executed and treat-Time was when the masquerading of a ed in the most horrifying manner. For maiden in a somber gown and her act of three hundred years there was a constirring a caldron such as is provided tinual trial of persons accused of being in league with the powers of darkness, at our Halloween fetes would have meant and most of them were tried by the codex certain death to the luckless one. She entitled "Mallus maleficarium," or the

It has not been until modern times ficial, after doing his part in sending 30, that the witch ceased to possess an actual 000 miserable wretches to the stake for She was supposed to be in league known never to have committed, taught all Stanic forces and to walk his flock that he had done an everlast-

age was the Swiss execution of 1782, when the witch class. a maldservant was accused of giving pin seeds to a little boy, thus causing the such charges were made against these As free as the civilized world is today to converse with the evil spirits would ners. yet there is record that about fifteen years have been considered equivalent to subthe parishes which had previously sup- ed to death as a witch by her own kins- All calamities, d'seases and unusual phe- As they themselves were reputed to m then refused to give them men. Two years later a Mexican woman nomena of nature were laid to the door travel by magic, the ignorant people be- same country, claimed the power to kill When needy and friendless these accused of bewitching her needs woman nomena of nature were laid to the door travel by magic, the ignorant people besame country, claimed the power to kill system of charms of prevention or councerpit mortals began to believe killed by two angreements and thus they were said lieved that the witches, and thus they were said lieved that the witches could cross the or cure cattle by means of magic. The



are an old woman in Ireland was tortur- jecting one's self to the spell of the hag.

selves upon the accusers, but, whether wife who could not afford and reaction from which they believed in this power or not the accused her neighbor of having used evil give yearly bribes to the witches to in- charms were said to work with great the witches to in- charms were said to work with great the witches to in- superstitions of this creature may "witches" demanded bribe for their good powers ever the cream. To break this cream wonders more staggering to the compressible in was asked to name a certain cow over their milk. On Lamas day, or on the cream. Nothing was impossible in was asked to name a certain cow over their milk. On Lamas day, or on the cream wonders more staggering to the compressible in was asked to name a certain cow over their milk. On Lamas day, or on the cream wonders more staggering to the compressible in was asked to name a certain cow over their milk. On Lamas day, or on the cream wonders more staggering to the compressible in was asked to name a certain cow over their milk. On Lamas day, or on the cream wonders more staggering to the compressible in was asked to name a certain cow over their milk. will fin order to obtain substance to keep spell the churner's husband show his control was asked to name a certain cow over their milk. On Lamas day, of the churner's husband show his control witch lore, for superstition even went which the conjurer might show his control which th Even in our own country the hallucina- son suspected of practicing witcheraft. cheese, although they owned not a cow. witches could turn themselves into chanced to fall dead before Donald had insure the milk on her farm furnishing take a cat from an old to a new house, the departed enchantresses.

abroad casting her vengeance upon all his nock that he had done an everlast-who would not divide their living with her. In many cases the approach of old here. In many cases the approach of old such persons lived they would have gone under here. It is said that during her incantations the since time has separated us from the This strengthened the ignorant to be-ravens, cats, rats, black sheep, whales, scarcely finished reciting his mysterious dish would have sunk and at the same hard one of ministering a few bottles of water over dish would have sunk and at the same hard one of ministering a few bottles of water over dish would have sunk and at the same hard one of ministering a few bottles of water over dish would have sunk and at the same hard one of ministering a few bottles of water over dish would have sunk and at the same hard one of the pretenders, have and even into winds and even into

of fantasy who might conjure the powers witchcraft was an Irish statute repealed doubt the word of such a person claim- own posts, give success to asserting as a control of such a person claim- own posts, give success to asserting as a control of such a person claim- own posts, give success to asserting as a control of such a person claim- raise storms, sink ships, drown whom and pitchforks. In the north of Scotland, removed. ing supernatural powers in her ability they would and even sell winds to mari- where superstition reached its height,

there was one witch who was supposed to have been able to obtain all the milk from her neighbors' flocks by milking her own little pet sheep.

An incident especially absurd in our gained the distinction of being placed in and cheese with the fact that on certain Killing any of these animals was con- a butcher once bought a cow from a mornings their own cows gave no milk sidered serious business, for who knew stranger. When endeavoring to fell the the witches' thefts would have been dis- but by so doing he might encounter the creature with his ax the blows made no covered and the secrets of their power spirit of a phantom creature who would impression on the animal. When an old cats, would be unusual. In witchcraft ache at any time. unmasked. So varied were the powers vent her anger with an everlasting curse man who happened that way inquired there was a close association with these. In our age it is almost impossible child to choke on pins as they came out By use of charms and incantations attributed to these half-crazed old women upon his life. These palsied sorcerers into the cause of such an unusual circum-feline creatures. Friendless old women realize that many noblemen of Scotland to the cause of such an unusual circum-feline creatures. Friendless old women upon his life. If she was deformed, toothless or unof his mouth. As late as the end of the known only to themselves, the mumbling that there was scarcely anything that there was scarcely anything that were said to always have with them such stance he discovered a red string tied known as witches usually kept prowling there were said to always have with them such stance he discovered a red string tied known as witches usually kept prowling there were said to always have with them such stance he discovered a red string tied known as witches usually kept prowling there were said to always have with them such stance he discovered a red string tied known as witches usually kept prowling there were said to always have with them such stance he discovered a red string tied known as witches usually kept prowling there were said to always have with them such stance he discovered a red string tied known as witches usually kept prowling there were said to always have with them such stance he discovered a red string tied known as witches usually kept prowling the said to always have with them such stance he discovered a red string tied known as witches usually kept prowling the said to always have with them such stance he discovered a red string tied known as witches usually kept prowling the said to always have with the said to always have always have always have always have always have always as a said to always have alway kempt, so much stronger were the argueighteenth century witch executions were old women were credited with powers to they were not supposed to be able to accomplish. They could bring fish to their and staffs. Their reputation advertised removed the butcher killed the cow with in Great Britain the last law relative to a'd in any scheme of malevolence. To complish. They could bring fish to their and staffs. Their reputation advertised removed the butcher killed the cow with cats as their sole companions. The hope of learning their secrets. Even the

> the imaginary enchantresses the super- other. Hairy Donald, a masculine witch of the stitious peasants invented an elaborate

accommodating old Scotch vil ager, who rain, and sitting with its back to a prepared a number of small bags of herbs fire prophesies a storm, are relies of to be dropped into cream jugs for the same purpose, supplied many of his neighbors with such charms. In both none is more amusing than the "Hurfluences of the witches, and so cow themselves about the hearthstone of a halters and churn handles were fre- Highlander. First one and then that quently made of that wood.

the door for luck is of primitive origin. they had all gone the old shepherd In witch days the horseshoe which was himself put on the cap, repeating the accidentally found was nailed over the same words. When he had finishe to the mast of his ship to insure safety indulged so freely that the next mornto craft and crew. Even the nails pos- ing he was taken to jail. sessed a charm, for when driven in the The day after the judge pronounced lowest hooks of milk dishes they were a death sentence of hanging upon him sure to keep the substance in the milk and the noose had been adjusted when

cows' ears cattle were protected from unknowingly ordered the cap of magic disease. It was thought that confessions placed upon the shepherd's head. This could be wrung from the rickety old was favor enough, for as soon as the hags of evil if the country fo'k but put Highlander were the cap again he expins in a pan of milk which they let claimed "Hurrah for Kintail" and disboil dry, for that tortured the witches, appeared to his mountain home, to his but as the people feared the vengeance own fireside, to laugh at the dismay he of these creatures they refrained from knew had fallen upon his would-be extrying this remedy. Often the witches ecutioners. themselves sold charms which they knew It would seem that the old adage were useless, for starvation was ever "Never trouble trouble until trouble teaching them new tricks of deception.

made a business of selling winds to sail- stitious people even sought to find the ors. It is said that once a fisherman was homes of the witches. For this purstranded a long way from home. While pose they would rise early on the awaiting favorable winds, he courted a morn of the first Monday of each quarter year and go upon some hill to obwitch's daughter, who told him that her serve the cabin chimneys. On that mother could furnish him with breeze to morning the smoke from the witches' fill his sails, and so he arranged to give houses was said to go against the wind the old woman a pound of tobacco for aiding him on his journey. To accomplish this marvelous feats the old humbug gave rope there was some old man or woman him a string knotted in three places.

untied the first, called "Come gently," so bestowing luck, or warding off danger, or he glided from the shore. When the sec- of aiding his fellow-creatures. This sorond knet, called "Come better," was cerer resented association with black loosed a stiffer breeze wafted the traveler witches, for he even claimed the power of in the direction in which he wished to journey. But this was not doing well benevolent creatures, who gained their enough for the sailor, who knew that livelihood by imposing upon their neighthere was still one more knot which he bors, were versed in rhymes, incantations might take out. Alas for him, his curiosity led him into untying it, and at that and ceremonials, moment such a strong blast was sum- They had knowledge of plants, they moned that the ship was blown away could recite stories with high morals and and the sailor drowned. The treacherous could make most amazing observations of old woman who had brought destruction the weather. In some localities time has upon him might have destroyed his ship It is said that during her incantations the were sought to cure sick cattle by means

own posts, give success to fishermen, them as able to carry plunder in needles one blow, for the witch charm had been treacherous and glaring eyes and the literature of that time was affected by spiteful characteristics of these half-fed this peculiar superstition of the people mistresses so exactly that witch and cat years ago is unique in our age in that the To counteract evil spells invoked by grew to mean the complement of each

It was said that no witch would harm a cat, and so a mariner usually carried one of these animals in his boat to poor, decrepit mortals began to believe killed by two angry men. A queer case to cause long wet spells, lightnings, that they really could summon the spirits in our own land happened in North Care of evil to aid them in revenging themolina about ten years ago, when a house-solves upon the accusers, but, whether wife who could not make the butter come poor havests or the loss of cattle would laving and plundering travelers their

Eng and and Scotland the mountain ash rah for London" story. It happened furnished potent resistance to the in- that twenty cats came in and scated

The custom of nailing a horseshoe over London," and with that vanished When barn door as a protection to horse and he, too, sailed through the air, never rider against the powers of the evil ones. stopping until he found himself seate. If a sailer found the shoe it was fixed in a wine cellar in London. There he

have kept the ignorant peasants from Many old Finnish and Irish women stronger than reason. The super-

In almost every village throughout Eu-When ready for his journey the sallor by knowing the secrets of healing and

counteracting their evil. Usually these

verses on Thursdays and Sundays, wails the recitation of various religious rhymes

whole volume is devoted to teaching hun-

to the worship of the Virgin Mary and the martyrs. The reason for fixing the fairies? Or have



the age when you think the "gobbleuns will get you ef you don't watch out"? It makes no difference how old you may be or how lacking in superstition. you are still interested in

those many little beliefs and signs and mens which took up such a large part in your childhood fancy. And are you willing, if only for one day in the year-Halloween-to conjure up childish memories and either to join in or encourage the old-fashioned idea of celebrating this hallowed evening? Thursday evening next, October 31, fun

and frolic will again hold sway among a pecially those of the English-speaking countries, as well as among a good number of their elders, for Halloween, or All Halloween, as it is sometimes known, will be observed with all its characteristics, wild outbursts of youthful deviltry and merrymaking.

a day primarily intended for the urchin. sisted in a Halloween festival at Baimo- described. ral Castle, where a fire was built and effigies of goblins and witches were burned, celebrated by various English kings and custom in Ireland on Halloween night. A semilar to our Halloween or All Saints'

Christ, set apart October 31 as a night for husband of the faithful lass. Another will remain a bachelor. rekindling of new ones. All the super- prevalent custom has to do with molten natural beings both of the visible and in- lead, which is cast into cold spring water. visible world were supposed to gather on The fanciful shapes resulting denote the this night and hold high revel in the kind of husband a girl will get. For insphere of humanity, and the fires were stance, if the lead takes the appearance regarded as charms against these spirits. of a dragoon the resemblance is at once "Witches' night" and 'Devils' Sunday" compared, and the eager girl is told of were the common terms used by the pa- the result. gan folks. As late as the seventeenth century the farmers in Brittany carried Now bring forth the lead and melt it down lighted torches about their fields to protect themselves from the evil forces of period about which mystery has clung so fixedly that it still remains a day of spe-cial celebration.

Remember, remember, on nutty November, The charm is completed at gay Halloweve.

Halloween is most widely observed by relating any child born on the eve of October 31 It runs: is supposed to be endowed with a mysterious faculty of holding communion while sleeping with the invisible world. In north Wales the peasantry cast stones into a great fire, and after covering them crime, in view of the fact that it is placed up with ashes setire to rest. The next in the verse so connectedly with the morning the ashes are swept aside and devil's name. the stones sought, and woe betide those who do not find their stones. Their fu-

certain. Upon some of the Channel Islands the fisherfolk choose Halloween to propitiate

meanwhile repeating the words: "Shony, Kaling procedure blindfolded persons of I give you this cup of ale, hoping you one sex go out into the fields and after Halloween, as observed at the pres- church and offer prayer to God, follow- ness and crookedness of their stalks. ent time, is regarded by most people as ing which revelry of all kinds is par- The dirt or yird clinging to the stock ticipated in. In sections of Ireland Hal- denotes the dowry or fortune, and the It is true that grown-ups do not engage has ludicrously embodied the customs of band or wife-to-be. They are then put loween beverage in Ireland made of able as possible, rose to go. But first he in one after another over the door and the interest in one after another over the door and the interest in one after another over the door and the interest in one after another over the door and the interest in one after another over the door and the interest in the limit in the day's celebration in the day is a celebration in the da tion as the younger element, yet it was which the general good fellowship, nut names of the persons in the succession

quickly There is no knowing what is in store for you the coming year. So it is seen that Hal- Here, Harry, run out for a key of the gateway, loween, which was at first purely a pa- And, Betty, a bowl of fresh water get. Until the lead runs down like meal through a

Cabbage stalks are often used as a means of telling fortunes. A little verse "Murtagh's Evil" is usually the Irish, Scotch and Welsh. In Scotland chanted before the cabbages are chosen.

If all are white all go to heaven: If one is back as "Murtagh's Evil." "Murtagh's Evil" is likely a very black

rious of the Christian observances, and thereupon instead of "Witches' night." "Devil's Sunday," "Nutcrack night" or 'Walpurgis night," the designation All Halloween or Halloween from All Saints' day was generally used. In Germany the Walpurgis night was

in the most part closely allied to Halevil spirits. Nuterack night, as Hal- of long ago. loween is sometimes called, originated from the festival held in honor of Pomona, goddess of orchards. Roman boys in Horace's time participated in sports in which nuts figured, and there was also religious use made of them so that the probable origin of the conspicuous customs of the present day dates back to Rome in the early centuries.

day on November 1 was to supplant

pagan observance of Halloween. Event-

ually pagan and Christian customs

blended and consequently the rights of

the Druids became intermingled with va-

Apples also play a prominent part in Halloween derives its name from its be- even slightly moved the charm will be water his wife will have been unmarby those who wish to try this experiby the experiing the vigil of All Saints' day. The broken. However, if nothing is said ried, if he touches the dirty water his delicious fruit and eat it before a looking than won't be influenced by anybody. The ment. Druids, away back before the birth of presently there will appear the future wife will have been a widow, and if he glass in order to conjure up the inquirement. Druids, away back before the birth of presently there will appear the future plunges his hand into the empty dish he er's future mate. Burns thus writes of opponent spent a full hour here with me a small girl:

Wee Jennie to her granny says: "Will you go wi' me, granny? I'll eat the apple at the glass.

calculable joy to many a youngster. No poria, told a Kansas story. The "Sarksleeve" method consisted of and interesting stories due in most part to the "barley brue" with which the swain had screwed up his courage. The "Hempseed" superstition as described by the Irish and Scottish peasantry of the smoking a corncob pipe on a fence. Burns lies in the sowing of a handful of days gone by.

Although Halloween by the Teutonic such a peculiar character. It is a "night "You bet!" Hi agreed. 'You know them there are persons present. Each guest affords another sure way of determining have their eyes closed. Each person helps such a peculiar character. It is a "night "You bet!" Hi agreed. 'You know them there are persons present. Each guest affords another sure way of determining have their eyes closed. Each person helps set apart for the universal walking stumps I was goin' to blast? Well, the choses a card, not knowing what directions are persons present. and Celtic peoples was observed in fun- abroad of spirits," so says "The Book of lightnin' saved me the trouble." "Halloween," the various superstitious it is a religious vigil. All Saints' day rather with youthful jollity and missing over there, Hi'

In order on the clean hearthstane

And every time great care is ta'en,

Auld Uncle Josh, wha wedlock's joys, Sin' mais' year did desire, Because he gat the toom dish thrice,

The luggies three are ranged.

To see them duly changed;

He heaved them on the fire

In wrath that night.

all Halloween celebrations, and the of the Nola Chucky cat no longer happen heated on a gas stove. Name each nut reason is found in the observance long, to electioneers. will be so kind as to send us plenty of pulling up the first stalks they touch tell long ago of the day called "La Mas Ubseaware to enrich our land the coming the size, appearance and character of halt," November 1, which was dedicated Nola Chucky man to get his vote. The the one after whom it is named is indif-Afterward they return to a their future mates by the size, straight- to the angel presiding over fruits and man himself was out, but his wife said: ferent. If one nut blazes the person it seeds. The pronunciation, which was "I can't promise you nothing about represents has a high regard for you, but Lamasool, became corrupted into Lamb's Jonathan, sir. He's independent. He'll if a third chestnut burns, then you will loween is kept in all its entireties. Burns taste of the pith the temper of the hus- wool, which term was applied to a Hal- vote as seems nest to himself.' roasted apples, liquor and milk. This patted a wretched, mangy kitten on the In olden times a damsel who was imnot always so. Queen Victoria once as- roasting, apple ducking, dumb cake cere- of their entrance through it are the same drink seems to have been the first apple woman's lap. mony and candle singeing are quaintly as the names of the mate of the holder toddy-at least it was not much different "I'm very fond of cats,' he said. 'I shirtsleeve and hang it up by the fire- given below, and they may be written at the boy dolls and the men at the young from the apple toddy of today. The shouldn't mind giving you \$5 for that p'ace and lie in bed watching it until the shape of a witching of a witching of a witching it until most prominent part played by apples one. one. The woman jumped at his offer. She midnight. At that hour an apparition of dishes, one filled with clean water and we have written record of the day as The dumb cake ceremony is a common other with dirty water and the third in Halloween gatherings today is in Ire- locked the \$5 in a drawer, she put the her future husband would come in and You might keep a beau and avoid many spats. with no water, are placed on a table in land, where every child on Halloween cat in a basket, and, as she ushered the turn the sleeve. Although time has passa row. A blindfolded person then dips day sends an apple to the Allen market man out with his purchase on his arm, ed for fireplaces in our sleeping rooms, Smile to your right on your next car ride. piece of cake is kneaded with the left his hand into the first dish he touches, at St. Ives, but all over the world, she said: thumb in absolute silence. If the lips are and if he succeeeds in locating the clean wherever Halloween is celebrated, lads

I got frae Uncle Johnny.'

upon one's looking over one's shoulder. paritions really do appear on Halloween and split 'em as well.' popular imagination has stamped with visitor. brew ale and consign it to the waves, "Sarksleeve" and "Hempseed." In the cated to the pagan gods, was consecrated as conceived by the Irish and Scotch, not ground, same as usual."

even a thought will be given other than in the games of the younger folk.

Night of ceriest wonder seen Then things befall too dear to doubt. And in the dusk or moonlight clear, Miracles once more appear.

Flock to celebrate this night; Pranks they play with nuts and yarn, and from the garden, field and bar Masked they come, keen tricks they try With fortune-telling riotry.

Now youth and maiden by the fire. Watch the flames rise and expire; Chestnuts put upon the coals, To see what augury controls Their love-or, where the apples float In a tub the omens note.

We, too, who may not wander more, On youth's iridescent shore, Still beside the fireside sit, Amidst love's coquetry and wit, And dream of our lost joyous teens.

loween, for upon this night, the eve of a rural celebration of Halloween. The May 1, fires were built on the summit tub of apples, the chestnuts on the coals, of the Brocken in the Harz mountains around which the village youth gather, with the same object in view as that of make a typical present-day scene. How the Celtic peasantry-to drive away the different it is from the pagan observance

Waste.

also religious use made of them, so that the campaign contributions investigative from the custom of using nuts in seekpart played by nuts in the Halloween tion, said to a Washington correspondent: ing fortunes. If you are an inquisitive "It used to be that the party bribed the maiden who wishes to know which of voter. Now, it seems, the voter bribes your loves is most ardent in his affec- gest others which an ingenious hostess the party-and not with a five-dollar bill tions you may ease your mind of all or so, but with quarter millions!

"'I'll do the best I can for you about uselessly yesterday, and, by the way, he The hostess who gives a Halloween bought the brother of that kitten of yours party usually finds that the most diffi- But not a wife for you, boy-your friends have for \$10.'

In Kansas.

"'Nothin' to do, Hi?' he asked.

hempseed at night, and then harrowing Yet it has lost none of its mirth and "No, nothin' much,' the old man anwith anything conveniently drawn, and jollity, even though it does not hold as a swered. 'I had a right smart grove of afterward repeating a prayer. The ap- festival the importance it once did. Re- pine trees to cut down, but blamed if last parition being summoned duly appears gardless as to whether goblins or ap- week's cyclone didn't level 'em for me eve, there is no night in the year which "'Wonderful country, Kansas,' said the

ture life, it is supposed, will be very un- Burns has inimitably described, in making and fvolic, to the Latin peoples Days," but we moderns associate it "'Do tell! Say, that's a fine potato crop And the visitor nodded practices of the Irish peasantry of his festival. It had its origin in the year or sham ones, weird lights—magic lan
"Yes, ain't it?" said the old man. 'I'm following the hint given on the card, finds blow out the flame while the candle is in the ring in her pie will be married bea sea god whom they know as "Shony." time, and especially interesting are the 610 A. D., when the old Roman temple, terns—and various impersonations, but as jest waitin' for an earthquake to come At night they gather at the seacoast, ones known as "Kaling," "Toomdish," Pantheon, that had hitherto been dediffer the real weird Halloween personages along and shake the 'taters outen the ment of all others present. The follow- wick also gives the candle the name of the thimble foretells that its finder will

Buggestions MITOWFFN (TAMES F all nights in the not reveal the name until after thesother player has made his or her trial at the

Pinned upon a curtain of lace

Tick-tock, tick-tock.

taken them all.

dog just right.

turn him around three times before letting

the player seek his fortune by endeavor-

The black umbrells out in the hall

Where music issues forth its charm

You'll find the muse predicts no harm.

Under the sugar bowl beneath the sweet, Tell the kind of fate you soon will meet.

Tells who will win in a matrimonial race.

Your fortune rests, 'twas sealed by the fates,



doubt by placing three chestnuts upon "I suppose that vicissitudes like that the bars of a grate or upon an iron bar "An electioneer, you know, visiteed a nuts cracks or jumps it is a sign that surely be married to the man whose name

> patient to know her fate would wet a they may resemble any of the coupets one for his own. The girls, of course, alm radiators or heaters might be substituted She paints her cheeks, she blonds her hair, So it's old maid for you, willy-nilly.

cult part of the evening is in getting her guests to throw off all stiffness and en- She has a little doggie that growls at you each ter into the spirit of the fun in the early When you clope to Baltimore 'twill serve that As long as you remain a marching suffrage the part of the evening. If she is wise she Halloween, as it will be observed this coming Thursday, will be a night of in
WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE, at an old-will arrange for some form of entertainment to include every one present right

By a little care the hostess may easily But you've never sent her a ring, I'd like
avert having a lad draw the fortune
the last a girl in another city.

He'll never come back, oh, what a pity; from the start, and nothing answers this longer are superstitions characteristic of "Nature is superlatively helpful here in purpose better than the "witch's decree." dipping the left shirt sleeve in a stream Halloween as of yore; no longer are, Kansas," said Mr. White, as he watched Of course, for this game there must be nishttime. Then upon going to bed witches, goblins, apparitions and bon- a half-dozen pretty Kansas girls who a witch dressed in a long black cape and in sight of a fire, the shirt sleeve being fires a part of the day. The small boy tried, their hands fastened behind their a high, pointed hat made of two pieces of hung up to dry, at midnight the future and girl, not the older people, are the backs, to snatch with their teeth the wrapping paper, one for the high cornuglides up and turns the sleeve from the chief actors in a present-day Halloween enormous Kansas apples floating in a tub copia-like crown and the other for the left side over to the right to dry. Need- celebration. The women of today do not of water. "Nature is so superlatively wide round brim, both blackened with less to say there have been many weird make soul-cakes for poor travelers. In helpful here that one could almost be- shoe polish. When the guests are all

> This Halloween's a witch's night. But I'll be gone by morning's light. Come see what the future holds in store. I know your fate, and a great deal more. But I'll tell you where your fate lies hidden.

ing directions may be used or they sug- some friend of the person upon whom he be the last to marry.

blowing. A successful extinguisher will marry the person after whom the candle was named. To add interest and mistery each fortune hunter must repeat the

following before attempting to blow out Burn high, burn low, swing, candle, swing; Out you must go, if I give a gold ring. When a girl's turn comes she substitutes "If I wish a gold ring" for "If I give a gold ring."

The old apple bob cannot be improved

upon for real fun, but splashy tubs of water are no longer welcome at evening bib and tucker. As a substitute the game of apple throw may be entered into with the evening's frolic. If you are to be the hostess, use apples for heads of doll babies dressed in crepe paper. As thesdolls are to be hung up in a row at different heights across the upper part of the doorway they need be nothing but heads and dresses, no arms or bodies being necessary Provide each player with an arrow made of a meat skewer with a needle stuck in the end. Then, when all of the players are assembled in one room, le When the real fortunes are found in each take his turn in aiming at the back the places suggested by the "directions" of the dolls' heads in trying to capture of paper in a tiny envelope pinned to it, each must read his fortune as he gets it. These fortunes may serve as guides in

the guests invited: You would not have James, you would not have But answer that letter; it seals your fate, It will be a man with bright red hair:

making others, but much fun may be add-

A life of ease and luxury, and girls' pictures on When the days were hot and sultry and you saw You said you would, you know you did; deny it

A loving husband you will never get 'Twas at the seaside when first you me By a little care the hostess may easily But you've never sent her a ring, I'd like to bet, He has a girl in another city.

if you can.

He is short and, oh, so fat, In a touring car and a high sik hat Another game of fortune which should This is the girl you'll never get. be tried by every unmarried man on Hal- Unless you give up your cigarette

loween is fortune's glass. Provide three You'll go across the ocean wide, glasses, one empty, one filled with clear But you'll never become a happy bride. water and another containing water Oil your sewing machine, your dressmaker is colored with vinegar. One by one as each She'll need a lot of satin and lace when she person's turn comes blindfold him and makes your wedding gown.

ing to place his finger in one of the three When this game is over and each person glasses. If a youth is successful in put- has enjoyed her own fortune as well as ting his finger in the glass of c.car those of her friends, all take partners water he will marry a maiden. If his for the dining room, carrying their apple expect that his matrimonial choice will fortunes and singing "Oh, You Beautiful Then the witch walks around among be a widow. But if he chooses the empty Doll." At supper the pie of fate is served the guests carrying her caldron in which glass he will remain a bachelor all the first. This small, deep pie is cut into there are as many cards, face down, as days of his life. The cand e of fortune slices and passed around while the guests tions are written on it. When these "di- a circle around a lighted candle suspend- served the guests open their eyes to enrections," which tell where the real for- ed by a fine wire. Each person in the joy eating the pastry, but their chief contunes lie hidden, are all drawn, each game takes a turn in lighting the taper, cern is in locating the ring or thimble